

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 412205907****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Anchorage Park Foundation - Oceanview Park Safety Upgrades

**State Funding Requested: \$160,000****House District:** Anchorage Areawide (11-27)

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$40,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$160,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

*If funding from the AK Legislature is secured for this project, the Anchorage Park Foundation plans to commit \$40,000 of Rasmuson Foundation funding to this neighborhood park.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Anchorage Parks Report Card offers a comprehensive review of the condition of Anchorage neighborhood parks by reflecting community opinions and ideas. In the Fall of 2011, Anchorage community volunteers evaluated 51 neighborhood parks based on five criteria: cleanliness; safety; structure; appearance; and function. We will use this information to strategically employ resources, both financial and volunteer, to better meet the needs of our community.

In 2011, Oceanview Park received a B- on its Report Card. Neighbors reported vandalism in the picnic area and requested improvements to the picnic and seating features. Neighbors complained that the tennis court was run down, identifying sagging nets and a cracked court surface. They also reported broken equipment in the play area. Complaints also included dying or dead birch trees due to bark stripping. The speed of passing cars caused concern for local community members.

In the summer of 2014, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements in Oceanview Park with the help of community volunteers and with the input of a neighborhood park committee. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Oceanview Park and the Oceanview community. The Anchorage Park Foundation will match legislative investment in neighborhood park fix-its with volunteer involvement and generous support from the Rasmuson Foundation's Anchorage Parks Initiative.

**Fix It List Priorities:**

- Repair asphalt in tennis courts and replace nets
- Review drainage in play area and repair as needed
- Repair slide, swings and rope climbing toy in play area

- Remove dead trees and post informational signs concerning the effects of stripping bark off of birch trees
- Add seating, clean grill and replace vandalized tables
- Remove graffiti on play equipment and picnic area
- Review number of trash cans and add more as needed
- Work with community to address vandalism problems
- Work with Traffic Department to reduce road speed

**Project Timeline:**

Summer 2014

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Municipality of Anchorage

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

# Anchorage Park Foundation

Since 2004, the Anchorage Park Foundation has invested more than \$18 million in Anchorage parks, trails and recreation programs. Join us this summer to revitalize parks in your district.



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2013

CAPIS Project  
Number

59682

Legislative District: K -21

## Anchorage Park Foundation

Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts linking neighborhoods with natural spaces.

The Anchorage Park Foundation partners with the Parks & Recreation Department to promote Healthy Parks and Healthy People in the Anchorage community. Together, we revitalize the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks and the neighborhoods that surround them.

The Anchorage Park Foundation mobilizes public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Do you have a vision for parks, trails, open spaces and recreation in Anchorage? Consider the Anchorage Park Foundation your opportunity to fund community projects through public-private partnerships.

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## Oceanview Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades

### Park Report Card Grade: B-

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## Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Tennis Court Asphalt Repair	\$40,000
Drainage Review and Repair	\$30,000
Play Area Surface and Repair	\$90,000
Dead Tree Removal	\$10,000
Graffiti Cleanup	\$5,000
Additional Seating	\$20,000
Bearproof Trash Cans	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

### 2013 Request

State Funding Request	\$160,000
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January 20, 2013

Old Seward/Ocean View Community Council  
P.O. Box 110606  
Anchorage, AK 99511-0606

Alaskan Legislature  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK

To Whom it May Concern,

The Ocean View/Old Seward Community Council is requesting the Legislature's support of the Anchorage Park Foundation's 2013 legislative requests for park improvements at Ocean View Park and Stephenson Park. Parks are a vital part of any community and the Ocean View/Old Seward Community take great pride in our parks.

There are a number of large issues at Ocean View Park. Some of them are safety issues; such as, broken equipment and uneven/cracked tennis court surface. This park is a vital part of our community and is used by all age groups for a number of activities. It is the only park in the Old Seward/Ocean View area which provides covered picnic tables and grills. Ocean View Park is used during all seasons. Ocean View Park is in dire need of improvements and repairs so that it is safe and enjoyable for all our community members.

Stephenson Park is a lovely park. It is, however, devoid of play equipment. Stephenson Park is located in an area with a number of families. It is the only park that is suitable for play equipment in the immediate area. Otherwise, families have to cross the Old Seward to access our area parks that are equipped with playground equipment. Currently, the only amenities located at the park are a few picnic tables which are in very poor shape. With your support of the Anchorage Park Foundations legislative requests Ocean View Park and Stephenson Park will again be safe and enjoyable parks. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ocean View/Old Seward Community Council